

Deaf Education News

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They're Here!

It is that time of the year. Administrators, teachers, and staff have made schedules, written lesson plans, and decorated classrooms. Now it is time for the students to return. Hopefully everyone has had a relaxing summer and is ready to get back to work.

During one of my recent relaxation days, I watched a movie I first saw as a child: *Poltergeist*. When I was little, that movie scared me to death, but as an adult I've seen all of those special effects before, and I know how the story goes. This time around, the movie didn't scare me at all. I could focus on it and appreciate the work that was involved in creating such a film.

In some ways I think a new school year can be like watching a scary movie. You don't exactly know what to expect, especially if you have students with special needs that you haven't encountered before. You may even be a little bit scared. If you have already had experiences working with similar students then you know what to do and you may be able to enjoy yourself.

The staff at the Resource Center on Deafness and creators of *Deaf Education News* do not want anyone to feel scared when it comes to working with students who are deaf or hard of hearing (d/hh). We strive to provide information that will

support you and benefit your students.

You can access this information in a variety of ways:

- Read *Deaf Education News*
- Visit our website at msd.dese.mo.gov/rcd
- Email us at rcd@msd.dese.mo.gov
- Call us at 573-592-2543

As the school buses and car loads of students arrive to start the school year, do not be afraid. Embrace your students and use any resources you might need in order to make it a wonderful school year.

- Nancy Wood



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What's in a Name?

Our department has provided support to children, families, and schools for many years. Like other departments at Missouri School for the Deaf, our title reflects what we do, which is provide outreach services throughout the state. Most typically we were referred to as Missouri School for the Deaf's Outreach Program or simply Outreach. However, we have also had another name all along, the Resource Center on Deafness (RCD). Please join us as we renew the use of this title to emphasize our goal of being a repository of resources to help you maximize your successes in educating deaf and hard of hearing students.

Getting to Know the RCD's New Director

Following the retirement of Larry Hoard, the Resource Center on Deafness began the search for a new director. Dave Kingsbury was the person chosen to fill that role.

Dave comes to us with a rich range of background experiences. He earned his BA in psychology and Deaf culture studies from North Central University and his MA in counseling psychology from Bethel University. He completed his undergraduate internship and master's clinical practicum at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division Mental Health Program under the mentorship of a leading Deaf psychologist.

Dave has provided psychiatric rehabilitation case management

to deaf clients, taught college algebra to deaf students, supervised a team of psychiatric rehabilitation caseworkers, and run a supported housing program for clients with chronic, severe mental illness.

Dave also served eight years in the Army National Guard and Reserve, including nearly two years on active duty with a deployment to Iraq as an infantry team leader and liaison.

In addition to his responsibilities at the Resource Center, Dave is currently an adjunct professor in the ASL & Interpreting Program at William Woods University and a leading researcher on deaf marriages with specific focuses on marital quality and stability and the impact of social support on deaf marriages.



Dave's wife, Ali, is Deaf and works as a residential advisor at MSD. Their son, Gideon, was born last summer, and they are expecting their second child in January.

In his free time, Dave enjoys many outdoor activities including backpacking, mountain biking, sailing, scuba diving, and landscape photography.



Described and Captioned Media Program
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[The Described and Captioned Media Program](#) provides services to benefit students (early learning through grade 12) who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Available to schools and families are a free-loan library of described and captioned educational media and information related to accessible media. U.S. Department of Education–funded.

Check out the recent [DCMP newsletter](#) that includes information and **a fun song about IEPs.**

FM System Leasing Program for Schools

The Resource Center leases several types of FM systems to local school districts that find it impractical to purchase them. Options include personal FM systems, ear-level hearing aid FM systems, and individual or group soundfield FM systems. An audiologist works with the school to determine the best system or systems for the individual student and classroom.

Systems are leased for the school year and must be returned at the end for servicing.

My school has previously leased equipment for this student. How do I obtain it for the new school year?

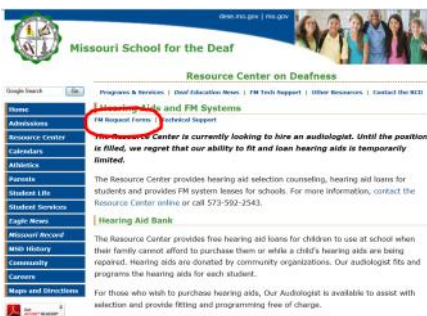
Step 1:

Go to the Resource Center's website: msd.dese.mo.gov/rcd. Click on 'Hearing Aids & FM Systems.'



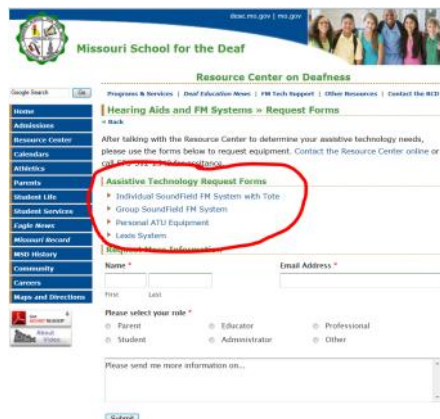
Step 2:

Locate the FM Request Forms link near the top of the page and click on it.



Step 3:

Click on the system you need and print out the form.



Step 4:

Complete the form and send it along with a current student audiogram to the Resource Center. Information may be faxed or sent by regular mail.

Step 5:

The Audiologist reviews the request and determines the appropriateness of the equipment.

Step 6:

The RCD office submits the request to the MSD Business Office and an official agreement with the requesting school district is generated. The agreement is sent to the school.

Step 7:

The agreement must be signed by the school district and returned to the MSD Business Office.

Step 8:

The RCD is notified that the signed agreement has been received. The equipment is then packed and sent to the school.

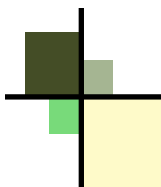
I know I need to return the leased equipment to the RCD at the end of the year, how do I do that? What if we need to use the equipment during summer school?

At the end of the school year carefully pack the equipment, insure each system for \$1,000, and send them to the RCD. The insurance protects the school district should the equipment be lost or damaged in transit.

If you need to use the equipment during summer school please contact the RCD to make arrangements.

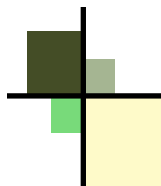
Back to School Basics

As school gets underway remember these pointers when working with students who are deaf or hard of hearing in your classroom.



- Be certain the student can see the speaker.
- Speak clearly. You do not have to speed up, slow down, or make exaggerated facial movements.
- Check hearing aids, FM systems, and other equipment daily to ensure proper functioning.
- Give the student time to process the information.
- Intently listening and watching in order to keep up in the classroom is tiring. Remember to provide your students with breaks.

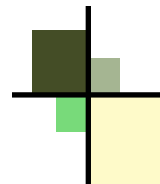
- Check for comprehension by asking questions that require more than a 'yes' or 'no' answer.
- Make lessons visual.
- Use closed captioning when sharing videos.
- Be sure you have the attention of the student before you begin speaking.



- Provide printed copies of notes before class.
- When possible, preteach vocabulary and key phrases before discussing a topic with the class.
- The teacher should repeat/rephrase answers given by other students.
- Be sure to stand in a location that is not visually distracting. For example, don't stand in

front of an open window or a high foot traffic area.

- Be aware of noise in the school environment that may impede hearing. Air conditioners, fans, cafeterias, assemblies, and hallways are good examples. Wind noise experienced through hearing aids or cochlear implants may impede understanding of verbal communication.



We Updated Our Website!



Please visit our updated website for awesome new information including:

- The wide range of Resource Center programs and services available to support you
- Hearing aid & FM system troubleshooting Guides
- Photos of individual FM system components
- Text and video instructions for FM systems
- ASL classes listed by region
- Online ASL course information

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El Festival de Latinos

At Missouri
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Watch for
additional
information in
upcoming issues.



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The Resource Center on Deafness at MSD offers a wide range of programs and services for deaf and hard of hearing children from birth to age 21, their parents, and their school districts throughout Missouri. We serve as the State clearinghouse for information and resources on deaf and hard of hearing education.

Contact us at rcd@msd.dese.mo.gov or 573-592-2543 or visit msd.dese.mo.gov/rcd for information on:

- Deaf education consulting
- Audiology testing and consulting
- Speech-language assessment and consulting
- FM systems leases for schools
- Hearing aids loans for children who qualify
- Families First early intervention
- American Sign Language classes and resources



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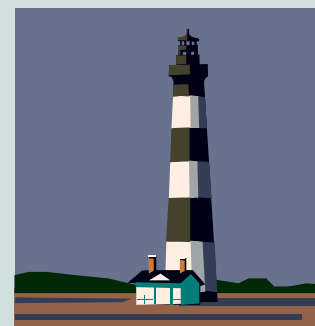
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Families First is a free early intervention program serving families of deaf and hard of hearing children from birth through age 8 who live anywhere in Missouri. Families requesting assistance are assigned a parent advisor who typically meets with them in their home for one hour per week. Visits are family oriented and focus on learning new skills through natural environments and routines. Laura Scott is the program coordinator for Families First. [Read more...](#)

For more information: Phone: 816-633-5648; Email: ff@msd.dese.mo.gov

Deaf Education Consulting

The Resource Center team provides consultations at the request of local school districts to address educational issues and IEP planning for individual students. While consultations are often requested to address specific problem areas, school districts are also encouraged to request consultations to assist in maximizing the achievement potential of any student with a hearing loss. Parents who would like consultation provided for their child should ask the child's school to contact the Resource Center and request assistance. [Read more...](#)



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